

WOSS School Council Minutes

February 19, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Kelly Amos – chair
Gillian Arpin - student
Lorraine Fedurco – vice principal
Bonnie Husain – teacher
Simon Khana – parent
John Monteiro – teaching staff rep
Elaine Moores – back up secretary
Daniel Neibert - parent
Bob Soden – vice principal
John Stieva - principal
Jackie Williams

Guests:

Hamish Guthrie
Adam Heatherington

Absentees:

Kathy Batycky, Louis Fiores, Craig MacDonald, Dianne Mosely, Tara Seeber, John Welsh – sent their regrets for missing this meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Smart Board

Andrew Bigham demonstrated some of the features of the Smart Board that was purchased from funds provided by School Council.

2. Minutes from Jan. 22, 2007 meeting:

Accepted, with the following corrections: Daniel Neibert did not attend because the January meeting room was changed, without his knowledge. John Welsh and Bob Seitz are looking into fundraising opportunities.

3. Debate Club – request for funds:

Hamish Guthrie (teacher) and Adam Heatherington (student) appealed for financial support from School Council. The Debate Club requires \$5000 to enable students to participate in debating events in Thunder Bay and elsewhere. This is the second year that lawyer Jonathan Marler has agreed to donate the cost of all wills made until April 1, 2007 to support the Debate Club. An average will cost approximately \$350 - \$450. Last year, Jonathan Marler donated \$2200 from drawing up wills to the Debate Club. We encourage WOSS staff and parents to support this fund raising drive. The Debate Club hopes to raise \$3500, leaving a shortfall of \$1500. Elaine raised the motion to donate \$500; Kelly seconded the motion.

4. Student Rep Report:

Gillian Arpin reported that 94 tickets have sold to the semi-formal dance which will be held at Le Dome. In support of Multiple Sclerosis, there will be a ball hockey tournament. On April 15, students can earn volunteer hours by participating in the MS walk. Student council is encouraging the colour houses to join the walk. There will be a Carnival at year end.

5. Treasurer's Report:

\$5000 GIC, less \$2300 for smart board, balance remaining to invest in GIC = \$2600

6. Chair's Report:

a. *Revising the Constitution:* Daniel Neibert, Kelly and Jackie have prepared the groundwork. A draft will be available for discussion on April 16. The final changes should be available by May 2007.

b. *Fundraising:* John Welsh and Bob Seitz could not attend. Kelly offered to assist them. **Action:** Kelly will report on the Bright card at our April meeting.

c. *Bingo:* The rugby team and Ryan Ibbott (teacher) are running Bingo night on behalf of School Council, and will donate all the proceeds to us. Thank you Rugby Team and Ryan!

e. *Elaine Moores' report:*

- School Police Liaison Officer: Constable Shawn Thomas will speak at School Council on Monday, April 16, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. The topic is drugs and what is happening on the streets.

- Ron Morrish presentation on April 19, Secrets of Discipline: Elaine presented the ad for Oakville Beaver. **Action: Kelly, Dianne, Jackie and Elaine** will contact Ron Morrish, produce a promotional flyer, and write the display sign message. **All** members of School Council will assist in promoting this event.

e. *Principal Profile:* Parents were given the opportunity to provide feedback about the principal for WOSS. Jackie sent out last year's survey to attendees. There were no changes requested to the 2006 survey.

f. *Parent Involvement Dollars:* WOSS opted to continue to receive funding based on the following formula: \$500 + \$0.17 per student.

g. *School Valuation:* The deadline to provide feedback is Feb. 28, 2007, at the HDSB website.

h. *Website:* Dale Andrews is creating a School Council website. School Council will be responsible for buying any required equipment.

i. *Youth Health Clinic:* Accessible to all high schools, including private ones; anticipate establishing a clinic at the Burlington Mall; second discussion meeting will occur in March; if funding can be obtained, anticipate opening the clinic in November 2007.

7. Principal's Report:

a. *School Wellness Awareness Team (SWAT):* The goal is to raise awareness about teen issues such as drugs and sex. Iroquois Ridge student council would like to speak to WOSS student council, to discuss using high school students to speak to kids in grades 7-8.

b. *WOSS Brochure:* The brochure will be updated to include current information and statistics.

c. *School Effectiveness Plan:* DA school-wide effectiveness plan will be discussed at the April or May School Council meeting. The discussion will take approximately 40 minutes.